

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

8:30 a.m.

County Board Room – 3rd Floor – Courthouse

MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Commissioners met in regular session with all Commissioners present: Campbell, Gross, Ingersoll, Mongeau, and Weyland. County Administrator Brian C. Berg, Assistant County Attorney Jenny Samarzja, and Senior Administrative Assistant Vicki Reek were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Campbell, seconded by Mongeau, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved with the following changes: postponement of discussion regarding the 2016 Prepaid Medical Assistance Program Re-procurement Process and Resolution; and the Addition of an Update regarding Avian Flu and Request to hire Detox staff.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY ABATEMENT REQUEST

By consent agenda, the Board approved a County abatement request for Justin & Leslie Abel, parcels #06.014.4701 and #06.014.4700, Elmwood Township, for a \$1370 tax reduction (clerical error).

APPROVAL OF CITY OF MOORHEAD ABATEMENT REQUEST

By consent agenda, the Board approved a City of Moorhead abatement request for John & Catherine Henrichsen, parcel #58.811.1500, City of Moorhead, for a \$282.18 tax reduction (software issue).

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT \$100 DONATION TO VETERANS SERVICE PROGRAM

By consent agenda, the Board accepted a \$100 donation from William Austin, Barnesville, for the Veterans Service program.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The following employees were recognized for their years of service to the County: Robin Farnberg, Office Administrative Specialist, Probation (15 years); Seth Pfeifer, Senior Engineering Technician, Highway Department (15 years); Jennifer Thomas, Juvenile Counselor, Juvenile Detention (15 years).

SHERIFF'S CITIZEN AWARD

Sheriff Bill Bergquist and Sergeant Mark Empting presented Citizen Citation for Distinguished Service Awards to Hawley Fire Chief Justin Martin and Hawley Emergency Response Team (HERT) member Ron Siedschlag for their assistance in an ice rescue on Lake Fifteen in April.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens present who wished to address the Board.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND VOUCHERS

On motion by Mongeau, seconded by Gross, and unanimously carried, the bills and vouchers were approved for payment.

UPDATE: AVIAN FLU OUTBREAK

Emergency Manager Bryan Green informed the Board that one of the poultry producers in Clay County has de-populated one of their two barns. A decomposing site has been established. The USDA crews are conducting surveillance of backyard flocks around the State.

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENT FOR POSTAGE MACHINE

On motion by Ingersoll, seconded by Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized execution of a 60-month lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for a new postage machine for the Family Service Center mailroom (\$354.12/month).

APPROVAL OF FAMILY SERVICE CENTER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CONCENTRATED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (CEP)

On motion by Gross, seconded by Ingersoll, and unanimously carried, the Board approved renewal of the lease in the Family Service Center for Concentrated Employment Program (CEP), 5491 sq.ft., 3/1/15 to 12/31/15 at \$11.75 sq.ft., and 1/1/16 to 12/31/20 at \$12.25 sq.ft.

APPROVAL OF QUOTE FOR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR FLEET REPLACEMENT VEHICLE

On motion by Mongeau, seconded by Ingersoll, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized execution of a 60-month lease agreement for a 2015 Ford Fusion to replace the fleet vehicle which was totaled in the airplane/car accident.

APPROVAL TO EXECUTE NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT

On motion by Mongeau, seconded by Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized execution of the Nurse Family Partnership agreement with Clay County Public Health which was previously written as a Clay-Wilkin Community Health Board contract (Clay-Wilkin DHB has been dissolved).

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHEAST HUMAN SERVICE CENTER & PUBLIC HEALTH FOR MEDICAL DETOXIFICATION SERVICES

On motion by Ingersoll, seconded by Gross, and unanimously carried, the Board approved an amendment to the Purchase of Service Agreement between Southeast Human Service Center and Public Health for medical detoxification services, increasing the contract to \$410,000.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH AND A PLACE FOR FRIENDS TO USE STATEWIDE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GRANT DOLLARS FOR APPROVED ACTIVITIES

On motion by Gross, seconded by Ingersoll, and unanimously carried, the Board approved an agreement between Clay County Public Health and A Place For Friends to use

Statewide Health Improvement Project (SHIP) grant dollars for approved activities (Clay County is the fiscal manager of the grant dollars.)

REQUEST TO FILL TWO (24 HOUR) POSITIONS IN DETOX

On motion by Mongeau, seconded by Ingersoll, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the hiring of an LPN and a Technician for 24 hour positions in Detox, which will provide a more consistent staffing pattern for the facility. Additional revenues from the Veterans Affairs facility and Southeast Human Services will offset the increased staffing costs.

REQUEST TO FILL POSITION IN DETOX

Public Health Administrator Kathy McKay informed the Board of the recent death of Mr. Don Johnson, Lead Detox RN. The Board expressed their condolences to Mr. Johnson's family and staff.

On motion by Campbell, seconded by Gross, and unanimously carried, the Board approved filling the RN position and to backfill if the position is filled from within.

AMERICORPS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Solid Waste Outreach Educator Shannon Thompson requested the Board's approval of a resolution to enter into a host site agreement for an AmeriCorps volunteer if Clay County is approved as a host site for 2015-2016.

On motion by Campbell, seconded by Mongeau, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2015-14

WHEREAS, Clay County Solid Waste has applied to host an AmeriCorps Member from the Minnesota GreenCorps, a program of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), for the 2015-2016 program year; and

WHEREAS, if the MPCA selects Clay County Solid Waste, the organization is committed to implementing the proposed project as described in the host site application, and in accordance with pre-scope position description; and

WHEREAS, the MPCA requires that Clay County Solid Waste enter into a host site agreement with the MPCA that identifies the terms, conditions, roles, and responsibilities.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clay County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Clay County Solid Waste to enter into and sign a host site agreement with the MPCA to carry out the member activities specified therein and to comply with all the terms, conditions, and matching provisions of the host site agreement and authorizes and directs the Clay County Commission Chairman to sign the grant agreement on its behalf.

ADULT MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNUAL UPDATE

Ms. Alison Wolbeck, Mr. John Salter and Mr. Ben Erie, representing the Clay County Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council, provided an update of the activities of the LAC this past year (booth at Project Community Connect, displays at public libraries and mental health fairs, surveys of participation and satisfaction with council, etc.). An unmet need which continues to be noted is transportation for consumers.

Social Services Director Rhonda Porter informed the Board that Social Services is aware of the issues regarding transportation being viewed as a barrier for client attendance at appointments, meetings, etc. She commented that in meeting with staff and

various partners, other issues are also a hindrance, such as child care needs, mental health, anxiety, inability to read well, volume of paperwork associated with appointments, etc. To help address the transportation barrier, some agencies will provide one-on-one transportation or a driver is hired. MetroCOG has conducted studies of the public transportation system for improvement. Social Services will continue to address the transportation issues.

On motion by Ingersoll, seconded by Mongeau, and unanimously carried, the Member List was approved: A Place for Hope, Ann Burrell, Barb Bustamante, Clay County Board of Commissioners, Clay County Social Services, Jonathan Gilbert, Beth Gilbertson, David R. Johnson, Lakeland Mental Health Center, Moorhead Police Department, Muhamad Mozan, John Salter, Solutions Behavioral Healthcare Professionals, Angela Stewart, Summit Guidance Center, Tran\$Em, Tamara Vance, JoAnn Walker, and Alison Wolbeck.

PROCLAMATION FOR MAY AS FOSTER CARE APPRECIATION MONTH

On motion by Ingersoll, seconded by Gross, and unanimously carried, the Board proclaimed May as 'Foster Care Appreciation' month:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General states that mental health is fundamental to health and indispensable to personal well-being, family and interpersonal relationships, and contributes to community and society; and

WHEREAS, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) confirms that 1 in 5 American adults will have a diagnosable mental health condition in any given year; and

WHEREAS, Ronald C. Kessler, PhD, in the US National Comorbidity Survey states that 50% of Americans will meet the criteria for a diagnosable mental health condition sometime in their life, and half of those people will develop conditions by the age of 14; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General has found that a range of treatment exists for most mental disorders and the efficacy of mental health treatments are well documented; and

WHEREAS, Clay County has made a commitment to community-based systems of mental health care for all residents and has appointed a Local Mental Health Advisory Committee for adults; and

WHEREAS, the guiding principles of community mental health care have always been comprehensiveness, cost-efficiency, effective management and high quality and consumer responsive services, and these principles are now being adopted by private and public healthcare payers; and

WHEREAS, the National Mental Health Association, the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare and their national partners, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and their local affiliates observe Mental Health Month every May to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and illness;

THEREFORE, we, the Clay County Board of Commissioners, by virtue of the authority vested in us, do hereby proclaim May 2015 Mental Health Month in Clay County. As Commissioners of Clay County, we call all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illness.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNUAL UPDATE

Ms. Carolyn Strnad, Chair of the Children's Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC), provided the goals and accomplishments of the LAC: work with agencies to bring about awareness of issues surrounding children's mental health, identify unmet needs from a family/consumer perspective, gather input from care providers regarding coordination of

care, mental health awareness, and review and make recommendations regarding children's mental health system.

On motion by Ingersoll, seconded by Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Children's Mental Health Local Advisory Council membership list was approved: Nicole England, Solutions Behavioral Health; Terri Busch, Public Health; Shawna Croaker, Children's Consultation Network; Bryan Hanson, Lakeland Mental Health; Wayne Ingersoll, Clay County Commissioner; Deborah Jendro, Federation of Families; Monica McConkey, Prairie St. John's; Kristin Phillips, Lakes & Prairies Head Start; Rhonda Porter, Clay County Social Services; Gage Reider, Student; Scott Madson, Clay County Social Services; Carol Sheridan, Kindred Family Focus; Carolyn Strnad, Clay County Collaborative Coordinator; Melissa Varnanai, Parent; Amanda Logan, Lakeland Mental Health Center; Jon Farnberg, West Central Regional Juvenile Center; LaDonna Krostad, Freedom Resource Center.

On motion by Mongeau, seconded by Gross, and unanimously carried, the Board proclaimed May 7th as Children's Mental Health Awareness Day:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth and families today is fundamental to building the health, resilience and future of Clay County; and

WHEREAS, the need for comprehensive, coordinated mental health services for children, youth and families places upon our community a critical responsibility; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a day should be set apart each year for the direction of our thoughts and actions toward our children's mental health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, Clay County in its policy and planning roles, supports effectively caring for the mental health needs of children, youth and families in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Clay County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim May 7, 2015 to be Children's Mental Health Awareness Day throughout Clay County and urge our citizens and all agencies and organizations interested in meeting every child's mental health needs to unite on that day in observance of such exercises as will acquaint the people of Clay County with the fundamental necessity of nurturing the social and emotional well-being of children from birth and providing effective, accessible services and supports for children and youth with mental health needs and their families.

"A PLACE FOR HOPE - RECOVERY AND WELLNESS CENTER"

Ms. Dina Giezler, Executive Director of A Place For Hope - Recovery and Wellness Center, formerly the Social Connexion, provided an update of the program accomplishments and activities: mental health recovery support through peer mentoring, referrals, education, volunteering, and transitioning into the community; build social relationships; provide life enriching activities; enhance support through referrals to other service providers; instill hope by providing an entry point for individuals living with mental illness to help them move outside the isolation of their home environment.

MAY IS "FOSTER CARE APPRECIATION" MONTH

Gail Burnside, Foster Care Licenser, and Scott Madson, Licensing and Ongoing Child Protection Supervisor, requested the Board's proclamation of May as Foster Care Month to acknowledge the important contribution Clay County's foster care providers make in meeting the needs of Clay County children and families.

On motion by Campbell, seconded by Gross, and unanimously carried, the Board proclaimed May as Foster Care Appreciation Month:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our community; and

WHEREAS, foster parents provide an invaluable service to the children, youth and families of Clay County; and

WHEREAS, foster parents give generously of themselves to provide nurturing, safety, guidance, hope and love in a safe, secure and stable home; and

WHEREAS, foster parents recognize the opportunity to help a child or youth and their family in ways that will influence them and become a supportive and lasting presence for the remainder of their lives; and

WHEREAS, foster, kinship and adoptive families, who open their homes and hearts to children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role helping children and families heal and reconnect thereby launching young people into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families; and

WHEREAS, May, 2015, Foster Care Appreciation Month in Clay County is an appropriate opportunity to thank the families who embrace the often-thankless responsibility of providing a home and family to children in need of affection, love and security and to support the efforts of those who dedicate their time to children in and leaving foster care;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Clay County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May as Foster Care Month in Clay County, and we call upon all our citizens to recognize the contribution made by our foster families throughout our County. We also urge all citizens to come forward and do something positive that will help change a lifetime for children and youth in foster care.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Commissioner Ingersoll attended the Moorhead Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Gross attended meetings of the Hawley MetroCOG Comprehensive Plan, Churches United Open House, Hawley City Council, Georgetown City Council, and Commissioners' Day at the Veterans Service Office.

Commissioner Mongeau attended the Commissioners' Day at the Veterans Service Office, Churches United Open House, and the Community Facilities Planning meeting.

Commissioner Campbell attended the Commissioners' Day at Veteran Service Office, Churches United Open House, and meetings of the Corrections Facility Committee and Community Facilities Planning Committee.

Commissioner Weyland attended the Corrections Facility meeting, Commissioners' Day at the Veterans Service Office, and the Greater F-M EDC Annual Meeting.


County Administrator Brian C. Berg conducted evaluations, and attended meetings of the Greater FM Economic Development Corporation, Churches United Open House, Corrections Facility, and Community Facilities.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.



Grant Weyland, Chair
Clay County Board of Commissioners



Brian C. Berg, County Administrator